

Claims

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A system comprising:
2 a computer system including a processor and a memory for:
3 retrieving digital media content;
4 storing the digital media content in the memory; and
5 providing the digital media content to a thin media client using a first
6 network.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio
2 client.
- 1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises an audio
2 file.
- 1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime
2 audio information.
- 1 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises a video client,
2 and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.
- 1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the thin media client comprises an image
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.
- 1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital
3 media content to the thin media client.

- 1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 performing a rights management task associated with the digital media
3 content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
- 1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior
3 to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
- 1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to
3 providing the digital media content to the thin media client.
- 1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media
3 content to the thin media client.
- 1 12. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to
3 allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.
- 1 13. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is for:
2 retrieving the digital media content using a second network.
- 1 14. The system of claim 1, wherein the first network comprises a home network.

- 1 15. A method performed by a computer system comprising:
2 retrieving digital media content;
3 storing the digital media content in a memory of the computer system;
4 and
5 providing the digital media content to a thin media client.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an audio
2 client.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises an
2 audio file.
- 1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the digital media content comprises realtime
2 audio information.
- 1 19. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises a video
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises video information.
- 1 20. The method of claim 15, wherein the thin media client comprises an image
2 client, and wherein the digital media content comprises image information.
- 1 21. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 transcoding the digital media content prior to providing the digital
3 media content to the thin media client.
- 1 22. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 performing a rights management task associated with the digital media
3 content prior to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1 23. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
 2 performing a decompression function on the digital media content prior
 3 to providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1 24. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
 2 performing a decryption function on the digital media content prior to
 3 providing the digital media content to the thin media client.

1 25. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
 2 buffering the digital media content prior to providing the digital media
 3 content to the thin media client.

1 26. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
 2 providing an interface associated with the thin media client to a user to
 3 allow the user to access one or more features of the thin media client.

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